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**Sec. 2-9018. Pool Decks**

**(a) General.** A minimum continuous and obstructed 4 foot (1.2m) wide slip-resistant non-abrasive deck area of concrete or like material shall be provided flush with the top of the pool shell wall extending completely around the pool and the deck area shall further extend 4 feet (1.2 m) on both sides and rear of any diving board or slide and their appurtenances. The deck width shall be measured from the poolside edge of the coping lip.

EXCEPTION No. 1: A deck at least 4 feet (1.2m) in width shall extend around 50 percent or more of the perimeter of a spa pool. For spa pools that have their walls extending above the ground or floor level, the deck area requirement shall apply at the ground or floor unless otherwise specified by the enforcing agent.

EXCEPTION No. 2: The deck width separating a spa pool from an adjacent pool shall not be less than 6 feet (1.8m) wide.

**(b) Deck Drainage.** The pool deck surface shall be sloped a minimum 1.4 inch per foot (2%) to deck drains or other approved surface water disposal areas. The pool deck surface shall not drain into the pool, its perimeter overflow channel, into an adjoining spa or other pool, nor be connected to the recirculation system.

NOTE: A deck drain system of one 4 inch (10.2cm) drain inlet per 400 square feet (37m) of tributary deck area, with drains spaced 25 feet (7.6m) apart, usually provides adequate surface water disposal.

**(c) Pool Coping.** Pool coping shall be slip-resistant.

**(d) Unpaved Areas.** Landscape planters, flower beds, or similar unpaved areas shall not be located within 4 feet (1.2m) of a spa pool.

